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News Briefs

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CHECK SIX

An outreach program, Check Six, intended to provide inspiration and enjoyment to Team Lackland's dorm residents, is set for June 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Warhawk Pool. There will be free food, prizes, music and an inspirational message by retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken. In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. Modest pool attire is requested. The point of contact is Chaplain (Capt.) Gabriel Rios at 671-4208.

PRO WRESTLING AT LACKLAND

The Texas Wrestling Massacre is scheduled for June 30 at the Chaparral Fitness Center. Former stars of World Wrestling Entertainment, World Championship Wrestling and Total Nonstop Action Wrestling superstars will be featured. The event, sponsored by 37th Services Division, International Championship Wrestling and Anheiser Busch, is free to all active duty military personnel. The entrance fee for everyone else is \$3. For more information contact, Larry Overton at 671-3906.

WATER OUTAGE

A water outage is scheduled June 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to connect a new water main into the existing mains in the Inter-American Air Forces Academy area. The buildings that will probably be impacted are: 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1436 and 1440.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is under way for this year's Vacation Bible School June 25-29, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Freedom Chapel. Children 3 years of age up to fifth-graders can attend "Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word." Children will experience Bible Point crafts, games, music, Bible stories and a meal. Registration forms are available at Freedom Chapel. Adult volunteers are needed. For more information contact Donna Melusky at 671-4208.

LOAN LOCKER MOVES

The Loan Locker is no longer located at the Airman and Family Readiness Flight. It is now colocated at the Airman's Attic, Bldg. 1508 at Fairchild and Dimstead. The hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Loan Locker and Attic are run by volunteers. More volunteers are always needed. For additional information, call a volunteer at 671-1780.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project June 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sunshine Plaza Apartments at 455 E. Sunshine Drive in San Antonio. The project involves light cleaning for senior residents. School students can earn a certificate for up to three hours of community service. The POC is Denise Perryman at 652-5328.

CORRECTION

In the June 1 issue of the *Talespinner*, Page 1, Staff Sgt. Shawn Jones is misidentified as belonging to the 343rd Training Squadron. He is assigned to the 37th Security Forces Squadron.

60TH ANNIVERSARY:

THE PANAMA CONNECTION

The heritage of the 37th Training Wing dates back to the inception of the 37th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on Dec. 22, 1939. In February 1940 the 37th activated at Albrook Field in the Panama Canal Zone operating P-26 "Peashooters" and P-40 "Warhawks."

The wing returned to Panama in December 1989 with other units of the US military in Operation Just Cause. Flying the newly operational F-117 "Nighthawk," members of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing played a small role in the invasion of Panama to oust dictator Manuel Noriega.

COLOSSAL COOKIE CHALLENGE

The worldwide Air Force Colossal Cookie Challenge is set for June 19 at 4 p.m. at the Youth Center Gym, Bldg. 8420. The categories are holiday or special occasion; no bake cookies; healthy cookies and cookie makers special. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at Arnold Hall Community Center, Bldg. 5506 and the Youth Center, Bldg. 8420. For more information call Zuhel Rick at 671-2619.

PCS SEASON ARRIVES

If you are relocating, moving can be made easier by attending the Smooth Move seminar June 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at Bldg. 1249. Representatives from traffic management, TRICARE, finance, Personal Financial Management Program and the Relocation Assistance Program will be available. The POC is Carla Schoon at 671-3722.

FREE HAWC BOOKS

The Health and Wellness Center is eliminating its library and giving away all its books. You can have as many as your hands can carry. For more information, call Senior Airman Anthony Sabbs at 671-0566.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 8 is the last day until August for Lackland Elementary School registration of new students who will be Pre-K 3 through sixth grade for the 2007-08 school year. Your child must be age 3, 4 or 5 on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible for the Pre-K 3,

Pre-K 4 or Kindergarten programs. Register 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the elementary office located across from the commissary. Registration will resume Aug. 8. Students must be a resident of Lackland or Lackland Training Annex housing. Transfer applications for all students assigned to the Billy Mitchell Village housing are also being accepted. A copy of your child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization record plus a copy of your lease or a letter from the housing office are required for registration. For more information, call 357-5053.

TEJEDA GARAGE SALE

The annual garage sale for the Frank Tejada Estates is set for June 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at both East and West locations. The point of contact is Heidi Banks at 674-9366.

MOAA LUNCHEON SET

Brig. Gen. David G. Young III, 59th Medical Wing commander, will be the keynote speaker at the Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapter luncheon June 28 at 11 a.m. at the Gateway Club. He will discuss BRAC developments, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE for Life changes, and the new clinic and pharmacy center. Social hour is 11 to 11:45 a.m. with the luncheon and program to follow. The cost is \$16 a person. For reservations, call 228-9955 by June 25.

EST TRYOUTS JUNE 15

The Emergency Services Team tryouts are scheduled for June 15, 8 a.m., at the Medina quarter-mile track. Applicants should wear physical conditioning gear and bring a battle dress uniform, boots, hat/cover, gloves, water and eye protection/sunglasses. Tryouts will include a physical assessment, two skills applications and an oral interview. Tryouts are open to all Air Force Specialty Codes. Call Tech. Sgt. Justin King at 671-3357.

BLOOD DRIVES SLATED

The 37th Mission Support Squadron will sponsor a blood drive June 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 5616, first floor conference room. POC is Janet Vera, 671-3907. The 344th Training Squadron will sponsor a drive June 14 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Forbes Hall Auditorium. POC is Master Sgt. Carolyn Bond, 671-3064.

BECOME A TEACHER

The Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers coordinator will be speaking June 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. on Teaching as a Second Career at the Airman and Family Readiness Flight, Bldg. 1249. Certification issues and job availability, funding and alternative certificate programs will be discussed. Register at <https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>.

For additional information, call Terryca Fuller at 671-3722.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach Office is currently recruiting individuals who want to be volunteer Victim Advocates. Victim Advocates provide

support for those affected by sexual assault as they get on the road to recovery. The volunteers will periodically be on call to respond to immediate crisis situations and also assist the SAPO with sexual assault awareness and training for basic military trainees and technical training students.

The next volunteer training class is set for June 11 through June 15, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Potential volunteers will be scheduled for an interview with the SAPO in May and will need their supervisor's approval in order to volunteer. Call Capt. Dan Katka at 671-0107.

COMMUNICATION TECH EXPO

The 37th Communications Squadron will host the 12th annual Communication & Information Technology Expo on June 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mitchell Hall. More than 30 exhibitors will be showing off their latest technology. The event is free to all DoD and contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the show producer, Federal Direct Access Expositions, toll free at 877-332-3976, or Airman 1st Class Lance Rose, 671-3200.

MEDIATOR TRAINING

The next Air Force Basic Mediation Course is scheduled for July 23-27 at the HR Management School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. This 30-hour course is centrally funded by the Secretary of the Air Force General Counsel's Office. To attend, a nomination must be submitted by the end of May. Selection is by the Lackland Alternative Dispute Resolution Program managers. If you feel you have the patience and communicative skills needed to be a peacemaker, contact Lackland ADR Program Manager Norm Jacobson, 671-0413, or e-mail him.

FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY

Veterans of Foreign Wars James B. Sprague Memorial Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway, will host the annual District 20 Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 655-2944.

PERIODONTICS PATIENTS

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Department of Periodontics is seeking patients with specific needs for treatment in the Periodontics Residency Program. Applicants must be a military retiree, a family member of a retiree, or a family member of an active-duty military member and must have been recently determined by a dentist to require periodontal specialty treatment. Individuals enrolled in the Dependents' Dental Plan are not eligible for treatment unless they have exceeded their annual coverage. Eligible patients must obtain a written consult from their referring dentist. This consult may be faxed to "Attention, Periodontics" at 292-5193, or it can be brought directly to the Mac-Kown Dental Clinic during normal business hours. Selection is based on program needs.